

**LATCHING MECHANISM AND METHOD OF OPERATION THEREOF****ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The invention concerns a latching mechanism (105) for  
5 assembly of a housing (110) of an electronic device (100). The latching  
mechanism includes a latch element (120) and a receiving element (131)  
contained within the housing. The receiving element includes a recess (140)  
for engaging the latch element and at least one audio port (122) for providing  
an audio channel (190) for the electronic device. The invention also concerns  
10 a method (500) of operating a latching mechanism. The method includes the  
steps of mechanically coupling (512) a latch element to a housing, creating  
(514) an audio channel by engaging the latch element within the housing and  
porting (516) audio through the audio channel.